

Prestwold
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Mecklenburg County
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Mecklenburg Co. (near Clarksville), Va.Owner: Dr. & Mrs. John W. Price of Louisville, KentuckyDate: c. 1765 (*reader says much later*)Builder: Sir Peyton SkipwithCondition: GoodADDENDUM
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Description: This house is unusual for its period and location in that it is built of stone, in contradistinction to the use of brick or frame found in all its contemporaries in the region. It is unusual in size as well, approximating the largest of the Virginia mansions in dimensions, although when it was built the county was almost a frontier. The building is rectangular, two full stories in height above a basement, with a high hipped roof. The chimneys rise through the side slopes of the roof. Both fronts are seven bays with central doors protected by dwarf portico porches. The lower windows have nine over nine light sash and the upper six over six. The main cornice is fully moulded, with modillions. The walling is all light grey random ashlar.

The plan comprises a large center stair hall to the south and an entrance hall to the north. There are two large rooms on either side. The woodwork of the interior is relatively simple and has little distinction. The stair ascends in two long flights against the east and north walls and has square balusters set diagonally, scrolled brackets and moulded handrail. The mantels of the downstairs have some elaboration, and are generally in the form of an architrave fireplace frame, with crosettes and an enriched cornice. The great distinction of the interior lies in the polychromed scenic wall paper of the south-west room and in some of the original furnishings.

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